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SUMMARY: AT PRESS CONFERENCE IN VIENTIANE, FONOFF DELEGATION HEAD MIYAKE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH DELEGATION'S VISIT TO NORTH VIETNAM. MIYAKE TOLD PRESS DELEGATION HAD DISCUSSED ESTABLISHMENT OF JAPAN- DRV DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND POST- WAR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. FONOFF 1 ST SOUTHEAST ASIA DIV CHIEF MIYAKE ARRIVED IN VIENTIANE APRIL 21 AFTER 8 - DAY STAY IN NORTH VIETNAM AS HEAD OF 3- MAN DELEGATION FROM JAPANESE FONOFF. MIYAKE WILL RETURN TO TOKYO EVENING OF APRIL 23.

2. IN CONFERENCE WITH JAPANESE PRESS IN VIENTIANE, WHICH WAS REPORTED IN APRIL 22 TOKYO PAPERS, MIYAKE SAID DELEGATION HAD ACCOMPLISHED ALMOST ALL ITS OBJECTIVES. DELEGATION HAD BUSY SCHEDULE INCLUDING MEETINGS WITH OFFICIALS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE. DISCUSSIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE WERE QTE VRANK AND PROFITABLE UNQTE. MIYAKE REPORTEDLY SAID DELEGATION HAD MADE PREPARATIONS FOR OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS RE ESTABLISHMENT OF JAPAN- DRV DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. WHEN ASKED WHETYR JAPANESE CONTACTS WITH PRG
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WERE RAISED, MIYAKE REPLIED BY SAYING ONLY THAT ALL ASPECTS OF RECOGNITION PROBLEM HAD BEEN DISCUSSED. HE INDICATED DRV HAD UNDER PREPARATION AN OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN WHICH APPARENTLY INCLUDED ACHIEVEMENT OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN AGRICULTURE, RETENTION IN RURAL AREAS OF FACTORIES DISPERSED DUE TO WARTIME CONDITIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OF MODERN INDUSTRIAL SECTOR IN HANOI- HAIPHONG AREA. MIYAKE SAID HE HAD INFORMED DRV OF JAPAN'S WILLINGNESS PROVIDE POST- WAR ASSISTANCE AND HELD DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT OF HONGAY COAL FIELDS, CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY BETWEEN NORTH VIETNAM AND LAOS AND OTHER ASPECTS OF NORTH VIETNAMESE DEVELOPMENT PLAN. WHEN MIYAKE INDICATED GOJ'S PREFERENCE FOR MULTILATERAL APPROACH TO AID, DRV REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR ASSISTANCE ON BILATERAL BASIS BUT DID NOT COMPLETELY RULE OUT MULTILATERAL AID. MIYAKE SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED VARIOUS EXCHANGE PROGRAMS WITH DRV, PRESENTED LIST OF JAPANESE CORRESPONDENTS WHO WISHED RESIDE IN HANOI UNDER EXCHANGE ARRANGEMENT AND INVITED DRV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT AND OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS TO VISIT JAPAN. MIYAKE HAD IMPRESSION THAT DRV HAD NOT YET FORMULATED CONCRETE POLICY TOWARD ASEAN.

3. IN REPORTING FONOFF DELEGATION'S DEPARTURE FROM HANOI APRIL 21, RADIO HANOI REPORTED THAT MIYAKE HAD MET WITH VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE, NGUYEN VAN DAO, AND WITH VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HOANG VAN TIEN. RADIO HANOI SAID MISSION HAD DISCUSSED QTE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RELATIONS UNQTE AND QTE ENHANCEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN VIETNAM AND JAPAN UNQTE. INGERSOLL

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